

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5 and 7-20 are pending in the application. Claims 7-15 are allowed, and claims 2-5 and 16-20 have been finally rejected.

The application has been amended to cancel claims 2-5 and 16-20 without prejudice to pursuing them in a continuation application.

For the above reasons, entry of the above amendment, withdrawal of the rejections under and 35 USC 102, and 35 USC 103 and allowance of claims 7-15 is respectfully requested. No new issues have been addressed.

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. Should the Examiner have any further questions or require further clarification, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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